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Re the Application of:

Applicant : O'NEILL, et al.

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TRANSFER COUPLES AND  
METHODS

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2005 ("Office Action"), reconsideration is requested in light of the following. A petition for a three month extension of time is enclosed with this Response extending the shortened statutory period from May 11, 2005, to August 11, 2005.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.